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FOLLOWING REPEAT MANILA 12683 ACTION SENIOR CIVIL COORDINATOR
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QUOTE: UNCLAS MANILA 12683

E.O. 11652: NA

TAGS: EWNT, RP, ID

SUBJECT: TUGBOAT WINGUATT - REFUGEE COMPLAINT

REF: SEN CIVIL COORD MST 281631Z AUG 75

1. INFO RECEIVED BY EMB ON TUGBOAT WINGUATT INDICATES THAT IT
APPEARED AT SUBIC ON 16 MAY 75, OFF-LOADED REFUGEES,
RECEIVED MINOR REPAIRS AND THEN DEPARTED WITH KOREAN CREW
FOR DESTINATION UNKNOWN BUT PRESUMABLY KOREA.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY, ON MAY 24, SUBIC AUTHORITIES WERE FIRST
NOTIFIED THAT THERE MAY BE SOME QUESTION AS TO OWNERSHIP
OF VESSEL. LEGAL AUTHORITIES AT SUBIC THEN PERSONALLY
DISCUSSED MATTER WITH ALLEGED OWNER OF VARIOUS OCCASIONS.
COMPLAINANTS IN QUESTION ADMITTED BOTH VERBALLY AND IN
WRITING THAT THEY WERE ONLY LESSEE OF VESSEL, WITH OWNERSHIP
APPARENTLY RESIDING IN FORMER SOUTH VIETNAMESE GOVERNMENT. IT
WAS STRESSED TO THEM DURING THESE DISCUSSIONS THAT THE US
NAVY HAD AT NO TIME ASSUMED CONTROL OVER VESSEL AND THAT IT
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HAD ALREADY DEPARTED SUBIC BAY FOR UNKNOWN DESTINATION. NAVAL

LEGAL AUTHORITIES SUGGESTED THAT ALLEGED OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT KOREAN GOVERNMENT AND OFFER WAS MADE TO ASSIST. HOWEVER, NO REQUEST BY OWNERS WAS EVER RECEIVED FOR SUCH ASSISTANCE.

3. COMMENT: IT WOULD APPEAR FROM INFO AVAILABLE AT SUBIC, THAT USG HAS NO LIABILITY OR OBLIGATION IN RELATION TO THIS MATTER AND THAT ALLEGED OWNERS' TITLE TO VESSEL IS SOMEWHAT DUBIOUS. IN ANY EVENT, IT WOULD SEEM THAT ANY FURTHER ACTION TO RECLAIM SHIP MUST BE TAKEN IN WHATEVER JURISDICTION THE VESSEL MAY EVENTUALLY BE LOCATED.

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